

October 13, 2023. Chicago Transit Board Regular Meeting Minutes.

Noticed for 10:00 AM. Commenced at 10:30 AM.

AGENDA: The posted agenda for the meeting is available at www.transitchicago.com, "Chicago Transit Board", "Meeting Notices, Agendas, and Minutes", (10/13/2023) (Regular Board Meeting), "Agenda".

ROLL CALL: Directors: Lester L. Barclay (Chairman), Michele Lee, Neema Jha, Johnny Miller, Rosa Ortiz and Bernard Jakes. There was a quorum with six (6) members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were four public comments. Alderman Jason Ervin and Tiago Pappas appeared by phone. Keano Gottlicher and Branden McFadden appeared in person.

There were remarks made by Chairman Barclay, Director Lee, Director Miller and Director Jakes. There was a lengthy response given by President Carter in which he addressed:

- The CTA service optimization strategy necessitated by the COVID pandemic
- CTA schedule adjustments necessitated by workforce availability and ongoing workforce challenges
- The unique factors impacting other transit agencies across the country
- CTA's commitment to projected service increases and improvements for 2024

There were more comments from directors and a discussion between President Carter and the Transit Board Directors.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Carter presented his report which was abbreviated given the discussion that the public comments.

- The CTA has received another \$100 million in funding for the Red Line Extension
- The CTA has received another \$68 million in funding which will cover the cost of 40 additional buses plus charging stations
- The Chicago Police Department has released a report which states that crime is down 12% year-to-date and it'd down 12% month over month compared to September of 2022. These statistics reflect a 9% reduction in violent crime year to date.
- Since August 2023 CTA customers have taken more than 1 million rides on 15 different days through the end of the first week in October

- There was also a significant ridership boost during the Chicago marathon
- President Carter will be releasing his fiscal year 2024 budget recommendations next week:
 - The spending plan will going to include increased service levels and no fare increases for 2024
 - The CTA will be having conversations in Springfield along with METRA and Pace about funding
 - President Carter is excited about the possibility of what the CTA is going to achieve as they create opportunities to amplify the work they want to do and that the City wants us to provide

There were additional questions from Chairman Barclay and Director Jakes and more discussion.

MINUTES: Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to approve the regular Board meeting minutes September 22, 2023. After being moved by Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz, the minutes were approved with six votes in the affirmative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Barclay confirmed with Kent Ray, the CTA General Counsel, that there was an Executive Session on the agenda. Kent Ray responded that there is an executive session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Sections 2(c)(1), 11 and 21. Director Miller moved that the board recess into Executive Session and Director Ortiz seconded the motion. The vote to recess into Executive Session passed unanimously and the Board moved into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

At 12:08 p.m. Director Miller moved that the Board return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Director Ortiz. There was a roll call vote and the motion to return to Open Session passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5A: Director Miller moved that the Board approve the closed session minutes from September 22, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Ortiz. The motion passed pursuant to a roll call vote that was unanimous.

Agenda Item 5B: At the recommendation of the CTA's General Counsel Kent Ray the Board reviewed the findings and decision of the hearing committee appointed in connection with the review and discharge of CTA employee Carmela Sanchez under Section 28 of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act.

Director Miller moved that the Board sustain the hearing panel's recommendation to sustain the Sanchez discharge. Director Ortiz seconded the motion. The roll call vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

BOARD MATTERS: Secretary Greenlee advised Chairman Barclay that there were no Board Matters.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, AUDIT AND BUDGET: The Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee interim chair

Director Jakes presented the report. The committee reviewed the monthly Finance report and approved the September 22, 2023, FAB committee minutes. Director Jakes stated that all Committee agenda items, listed on the Board agenda, were presented, reviewed, discussed, and recommended by the Committee, for Board approval. Director Jakes stated that all the approved committee items, 10 ordinances and 5 contracts, were placed on the omnibus for approval by the Board. Director Jakes concluded his report.

Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to approve the omnibus as stated by Director Jakes.

After being moved by Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz, the motion was approved with six yes votes.

All approved October 13, 2023, Board ordinances are available online, at www.transitchicago.com, "Chicago Transit Board", "Board Ordinances", Ordinance numbers 023-112 – 023-127.

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: The Construction Report was deferred.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chairman Barclay asked for a motion to adjourn the October 13, 2023, Chicago Transit Board meeting. After being moved by Director Miller and seconded by Director Ortiz, the motion was approved with six (6) yes votes and the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

APPROVED:



Secretary of the CTA Board of Directors

Date:

11/15/2023